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SUBJ: COUNCIL CONSUTATIONS ON CSCE

GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE

1. WE ANTICIPATE THAT ALLIES WILL RAISE WITH US SOON QUESTION OF IMPLEMENTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN'S SUGGESTION IN NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL ON MAR 29 THAT THE ALLIES COMPARE NOTES IN THE NAC ON THE CURRENT GENEVA CSCE NEGOTIATIONS AND ON PROSPECTS FOR STAGE III. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT VIEW ON TIMING AND SUBSTANCE OF SUCH CONSULTATIONS. ON TIMING, NAC HAS ALREADY SCHEDULED DISCUSSION OF CSCE WITH PARTICIPATION FROM NATO CSCE DELS FOR APR 22. ISSUES IDENTIFIED IN MAR 29 NAC WILL DOUBTLESS RECEIVE PRIORITY ATTENTION ON THAT OCCASION, BUT COULD BE DISCUSSED IN EARLIER MEETING OF NAC OR SPC IN THE DEPT DESIRES IN ORDER TO PREPARE WAY FOR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON APR 22.

2. AS TO SUBSTANCE, WE FEEL WE HAVE A GENERAL APPRECIATION OF BROAD US OBJECTIVES IN THE MAJOR AREAS OF CSCE COVERAGE. WE WOULD REQUIRE GUIDANCE FROM THE DEPT AND/OR GENEVA, HOWEVER, ON SPECIFIC FEATURES IN THOSE AREAS WHICH WE MIGHT BE ASKED TO STRESS OR TO DISCUSS IN DETAIL. ON BASKET III, WE WOULD NEED SOME CLEARER STATEMTN OF GENERAL AND SPECIFIC US GOALS THAN IS NOW AVAILABLE TO US WERE WE TO UNDERTAKE NAC CONSULTATIONS IN ADVANCE OF APR 22. IN ANY EVENT, THIS SUBJECT IS LIKELY
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TO BE AMAJOR ITEM OF DISCUSSION IN NAC/CSCE-DELEGATION DISCUSSIONS ON THAT DATE. RUMSFELD

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